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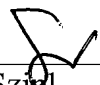
Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed on October 4, 2006, Applicants hereby submit the following.

The Examiner has mischaracterized the entire claimed invention as comprising a step of "structuring at least one wall on one of the substrates, which defines, via its inner lateral face, the volume for retaining the sensitive material, the wall extending in a set back position with respect to the edges of the cell." Although this set of limitations exists in claim 23, they are not recited in independent claim 27 nor its dependent claims. Applicants therefore object to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Nonetheless, Applicants agree that the claimed invention would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made, and that no prima facie showing of anticipation or obviousness could be made in view of the prior art of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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